(c) whether the proposed Authority will have the power to eliminate the menace of fake drugs which is rampant in the country and also to make available the life-saving drugs at affordable prices; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The formation of an Autonomous Drug Control Authority along with its proposed function etc. is under active consideration of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Creation of such an Authority would provide required focus on the manufacture and sale of drugs in the country which would also ensure effective implementation of strategies to check the menace of fake/spurious drugs. This subject is being looked after by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Guidelines for appointments of Medical staff

1123. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines in place with regard to the appointments of medical staff in medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether government have received any recommendations from the Medical Council of India in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The minimum requirement of staff (Teaching and Technical both) in the medical colleges having annual intake of 50,100, 150 MBBS Admissions are regulated by the Medical Council of India's "Minimum requirements for 50 MBBS Admissions annualy Regulations, 1999", "Minimum requirements for 100 MBBS Admissions annualy Regulations, 1999" and "Minimum requirements for 150 MBBS Admissions annually Regulations, 1999" respectively. The Ministry has received proposals from Medical Council of India for amending these regulations. The matter is under consideration.